

# NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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April 9, 2017 11 am  
Palm Sunday

Welcome and thank you for joining in our worship this holy morning! We hope you feel at home in our midst. Grace and peace to you all.

## THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

*We look forward to the time when the Power of Love will replace the Love of Power. Then will the World know the blessings of peace. - William E. Gladstone*

## THE GATHERING

\*Please rise in body or in spirit for sections marked with an asterisk.

**\*WELCOME & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

**\*INTROIT Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery (#121 VU)**

**Light of life beyond conceiving  
mighty Spirit of our Lord,  
give new strength to our believing,  
give us faith to live your word,  
give us faith to live your word.**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: We gather together in this place.

People: **Raising our branches in joy!**

Leader: Joining all who wish to see Jesus

People: **eager for a healing touch, a blessing received.**

Leader: We gather together in this place.

**People: Raising our branches in hope!**

Leader: Joining all who wish to hear Jesus

**People:**

**longing for a message of welcome and acceptance on our journey.**

Leader: We gather together in this place.

**People: Laying down our branches in fear.**

Leader: Wondering if we are able to walk with Jesus

**People: through the week ahead, through anguish, accusations, despair.**

Leader: We gather together in this place.

**People: Waving branches of prayer.**

**All: Walking toward the Cross, and the empty tomb.**

## **SOUL SEARCHING**

**Loving God, we confess that the streets of our lives  
are often crowded with a parade mood filling the air  
masking a callous indifference and lukewarm faith.  
Save us from thin hopes and small dreams.**

## **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**\*HYMN #123 VU Hosanna, Loud Hosanna**

## **OPENING PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER:**

**Hosanna, O God in the highest!**

**How you come to us in ways we never expect.**

**A king on a donkey?**

**A Savior on a cross?**

**How can we recognize you, with us, among us?**

**Will your message come through?**

**Will the palms we wave with joy today**

**be thrown down tomorrow with doubt?**

**May your Spirit guide us through this Holiest of Weeks,  
beside us, around us, before and behind us, within us,**

**2.**

as we pray together the prayer Jesus taught saying:  
Our Father who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done,  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil,  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,  
For ever and ever. Amen.

**HYMN #183 MV I'm Gonna Shout, Shout**  
**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**  
**HYMN #183 MV I'm Gonna Shout, Shout**

## **T H E W O R D O F G O D**

### **THE SCRIPTURE LESSON(S):**

Isaiah 50: 4-9

Psalm 118 Voices United page 37

Matthew 21: 1-11

**ANTHEM “*Lift Up Your Heads*”** \_ arr. L. Larson

### **REFLECTION**

**\*HYMN #128 MV When They Heard That Jesus Was Coming**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OFFERING & OFFERTORY Deep in Our Hearts 154 MV**

Deep in our hearts there is a common purpose;

deep in our hearts there is a common goal;

**3.**

deep in our hearts there is a sacred message,  
justice and peace in harmony.

## **DEDICATION**

**Loving God, as Hosannas fade to cries of despair,  
may these gifts be used for peacemaking that settles strife  
and justice-seeking that creates all good hope. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**\*HYMN # 126 VU Ride On, Ride On The Time is Right**

## **THE LITANY OF DIMINISHING LIGHT**

**Leader:** Even as the days grow longer,

**People:** **Jesus' time grows short.**

**[the sixth purple candle is extinguished]**

**Leader:** Even as the Christ-light shines, the world tries to  
downplay his humility.

**People:** **But we will not let that gentleness be hidden.**

**Leader:** Amen and Amen

## **\*BENEDICTION**

**Today we shout Hosanna. May this blessed word  
remain with us in the week ahead.**

**God grant us all to follow faithfully where Christ leads us,  
and may we all know courage and certainty**

**that God's Three-in-One presence**

**will lead us ever closer to the grace that is ours to share. Amen**

**\*CHORAL BLESSING: May God's Sheltering Wings 214 MV**

**May God's sheltering wings, her gathering wings protect you.**

**May God's nurturing arms, her cradling arms sustain you,**

**and hold you in her love, and hold you in her love.**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

E-Mail: [nmuc@nb.aibn.com](mailto:nmuc@nb.aibn.com)

Website: [www.newmarylandunited.ca](http://www.newmarylandunited.ca)

*If you know of someone in hospital please notify the Church. Please forward items of prayer and celebration to the Minister. For emergencies, you may call Rev. Jane Johnson at 440-9981.*

**Greeters This Week:** Carol and Floyd Ross

**Tellers This Week:** Lloyd Penney and Bob Watson

**Trustees On Duty (Apr):** Lloyd Penney and Jim Merrill

## LOOKING AHEAD:

**Wed., Apr. 12<sup>th</sup> - 1:00 pm - Quilters**

**- 6:00 pm - Maundy Wednesday- Potluck Supper  
with Holy Communion**

**Sun., Apr. 16<sup>th</sup> - 9:30 am - Easter Sunday Continental Breakfast  
11:00 am - Easter Sunday – Special Song Service**

**Sun., Apr. 23<sup>rd</sup> - 11:00 am - Worship Service – Earth Sunday**

**NOTE:** If you would like to send a card to Rev. Kelly during her time away, her mailing address is Rev. Kelly Burke, 100 Berkley Drive, New Maryland, NB E3C 1C3

**GREEN TIP:** As of March 30<sup>th</sup>, NB has opened electronic recycling depots around the province. In Fredericton they are:

**the Northside Redemption Centre, 213 MacFarlane St.;**

**the Southside Redemption Centre, 70 Timothy Dr, Hanwell;**

**and Best Metals, 320 Wilsey Rd.**

They accept the following ( & more ): computers ( desktop & portable), printers, VCR's, DVD's, audio systems, TV's, both cellular & non-cellular phones. For more info & a full list visit [EPRA.ca](http://EPRA.ca)

## **MEN'S CLUB NEWS**

**THANK YOU!** From the **Men's Club** for your support of our "**Chili Night**" this past week. Also a huge thank you to Rod Campbell for his entertaining stories! Proceeds this year go to the Tupling family.

The **Men's Group**, along with the **U.C.W.**, are having a "**Yard Sale and Bake Sale**" on **Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017** at the church.

Donations of articles for the sale (excluding **adult clothing and electronics**) will be accepted. If pick up is required, please advise Keith Ball or David Ward to make the necessary arrangements.

*Available for pick up in the main foyer:*

- your Easter letter*
- copies of the latest edition of "The Beacon"*
- April edition of "The Observer"*

**GREENER VILLAGE COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE** - For the month of **April**, we will focus on **canned vegetables**. Please note that condiments always come in handy as well. However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated.

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS:**

**CAPITAL DISTRICT OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION** wishes to invite you to the Commemoration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge on **Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017** at **2:00 pm** at the Provincial Cenotaph, Queen St., Fredericton, N. B.

**UNITED CHURCH VISIONAIRIES:** We are looking for congregation member to attend occasional meeting of Fredericton area United Churches to discuss common goals. 1st meeting April 19th. Please contact Tina Glenn 459-5652.

**FOREST HILL UNITED CHURCH** - The Congregational family of Forest Hill United Church invite you to our service of Celebration on becoming an Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Canada! Please join us on **Sunday, April 23, 2017 at 10 a.m.** for an hour of joyful stories, songs, liturgy, prayers, and balloon and streamer waving, as we celebrate our important steps towards openness and inclusivity. All are welcome at Forest Hill!

**NASHWAAKSIS UNITED CHURCH - UCW Bridge Luncheon**  
Book your table now for our upcoming Bridge Luncheon. **Thursday, May 11th, at 12 noon.** At the Nashwaaksis United Church gym. Tables are \$40.00. Contact Connie – 472-4744